

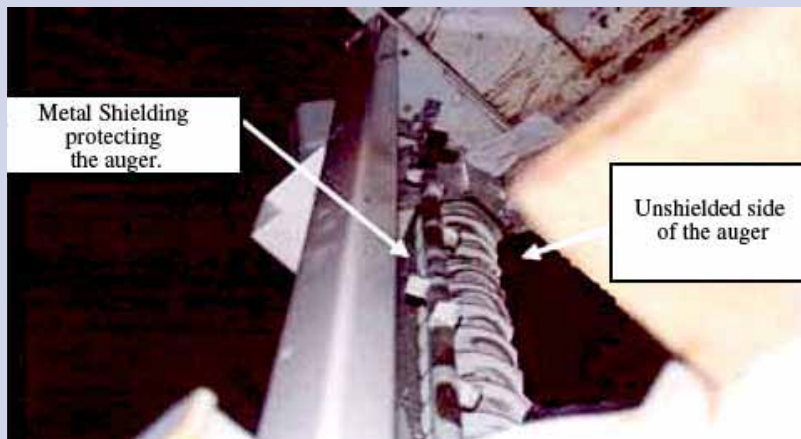
Safety Alert: Salt Trucks

WARNING!

In 2008, a New Jersey public works employee was killed when his clothing got caught in a PTO shaft on a Salt Truck. Truck maintenance had been conducted the previous day, and the machine guard had not been reinstalled, leaving the auger exposed.



In 2005, a driver in WI was killed when his sleeve got caught in the salt auger in the bed of his F550 dump truck.



In 2008, a driver in NJ got his sleeve caught in the unguarded PTO shaft of this salt spreader.

The Problem:

- Worker's hands and clothing can be caught by unguarded rotating machinery.

What You Can Do:

- Keep machine guards on all rotating machinery. Stop all motion before maintenance or clearing jams on:
 - o Power train shafts
 - o Conveyor belts
 - o Augers
- Inspect equipment after all maintenance procedures to ensure guards have been replaced before equipment is put back into service.
- Use Lockout/Tagout procedures to stop all movement of equipment during maintenance. Block augers to prevent them from moving during maintenance.
- Use Lockout/Tagout procedures to stop all power to energized equipment before maintenance.
- Wear tight-fitting clothing. Avoid gloves with gauntlets.

For More Information:

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